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SUBJECT: AAU TRACK INVITATIONS

AAU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OLLAN CASSELL CONTACTED TADELLE MELESSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ETHIOPIAN ATHLETIC FEDERATION, HAILE SELASSIE 1 STADIUM, P.O. BOX 3241, ADDIS ABABA, LAST FALL INVITING MIRUTS YIFTER TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. INDOOR TRACK MEETS WITH AAU PAYING FULL ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL PLUS ROOM AND BOARD WITH PREPAID TICKETS TO BE SENT VIA AIRLINE BY AAU PER CUKTOM.

MELESSE REPLY DECEMBER 18 OFFERED YIFTER IF AAU WOULD ALSO PAY FOR 4 OTHER ATHLETES PLUS TEAM LEADER. AAU COUNTERED IN CABLE JANUARY 5 WITH A CHOICE OF TWO OFFERS:

1. IF ETHIOPIAN RUNNERS WILLING TO COMPETE IN MEETS IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND ATHLETES ARE PARTICIPATING, AAU WILLING TO PAY IN FULL FOR YIFTER, 2 OTHER RUNNERS PLUS TEAM LEADER.

2. IF ETHIOPIAN RUNNERS ONLY WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN  
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4 MEETS IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND ATHLETES WILL NOT PARTICIPATE, AAU WILL PAY IN FULL FOR YIFTER, 1 OTHER RUNNER PLUS TEAM LEADER. CASSELL WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING MELESSE

TO GET FINAL DECISION AS MEET PROMOTERS NEED TO KNOW.  
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